

Reeth Rural Dist.
North Yorks.

Reeth, Richmond, Yorks.

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Gentlemen,



The following is my report for 1957. The statistics are based on a population of 1,970 persons as compared with 1,980 in 1956. The area of your district is 74,556 acres or 116 square miles. The density is therefore 17 persons to each square mile. The number of inhabited houses is 892.

VITAL STATISTICS

	Total	M.	F.	Rate per 1,000 of the population
Live Births	26	13	13	13.2
Illegitimate	1	-	1	
Still Births	-	-	-	
Deaths under one year	-	-	-	
Deaths under four weeks	-	-	-	
Deaths	24	9	15	12.18

Deaths from Puerperal Causes	Nil
Deaths from Cancer	3
Deaths from Measles	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea under 2 years	Nil

NURSING

The Home Nursing is done by a nurse resident in Healaugh. The nursing in Hurst and Marrick is done by nurses from Richmond.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Throat swabs, sputa and stools are sent to the County Pathologist at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton, for investigation.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

Cases are removed by ambulance from the Depot at Richmond. There is never any trouble.

Infectious cases notified under the act are removed to Darlington Fever Hospital by ambulance stationed in Darlington.

SUMMARY OF DEATHS

	M.	F.	Total
Malignant Disease of Breast		1	1
Other Malignant Disease	1	1	2
Diabetes		1	1
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System		2	2
Coronary Disease	2	1	3
Other Heart Trouble	2	5	7
Other Circulatory Disease	1	-	1
Influenza	-	1	1
Bronchitis	1	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach	1	-	1
Nephritis	-	1	1
Ill defined disease	-	1	1
Accident. Non Motor	-	1	1
Suicide	1	-	1

Total:- Males 9 Females 15 = 24

Fifteen of the deaths were over 70 years old

Four of them were over 80 years old

NOTIFICATIONS

	M.	F.	Total
Pneumonia	-	2	2
Erysipelas	1	1	2
Measles	40	44	84
Whooping Cough	1	-	1

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The water supply of the schools still causes concern as samples taken after a spate show Foecal Coli in quite considerable numbers. Strangely enough alimentary disturbance among the children is extremely rare.

The water supply of the district remains as during the whole of 1956 i.e. nothing has been accomplished. Any grants from the Ministry do not materialize but it must be recognized that the population continues to decrease. This figure supplied is a low record. In numerous houses where a father, mother and children lived you have now a single person who has come from away. Home helps are very useful to the aged when they can be obtained.

There were no new cases or deaths from Tuberculosis.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Respectfully yours,

WM. C. SPEIRS.

REETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
AND SURVEYOR

To the Chairman and Members of the Reeth Rural District Council:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith my Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Inspector and Surveyor's Department of your Council for the year ending 31st December, 1957.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

WATER SUPPLIES AND SEWERAGE

No new schemes of water supply or sewerage have been commenced during the year. Owing to rainfalls after June, no serious shortages of water occurred up to the end of the year. Prior to June, shortages were suffered at Keld, Marrick and Low Row. In addition, the higher houses at Grinton and Muker have been affected adversely owing to the excessive running of taps at the lower points, the mains being of insufficient diameter to prevent this. The Reeth supply from the Calva springs dropped to a low level, but no shortages were felt in the Township, the temporary supply from Fremington Edge making up the difference.

During wet weather all the supplies are subject to surface pollution in varying degrees and work to protect the spring outcrops has continued during the year, those at Grinton, Fremington, C.B. Terrace and Low Row having been completed. Even so, the springs are not sufficiently deep seated as to secure continuous freedom from faecal pollution. The need for adequate and wholesome supplies of water throughout the district is ever present, indeed, during droughty periods the position will become more serious, owing to additional supplies having been taken off for farm purposes. These, although not in great numbers can only aggravate previous difficulties, in particular at Angram, Thwaite, and Healaugh. At Keld and Marrick, the existing supplies can only be regarded as totally inadequate. Elsewhere, apart from seasonal shortages, the system of distribution in small diameter mains long distances from the curtilage of the properties served, does not allow for the efficient control of the water available or the detection of waste water. In addition, the pipes must be by now in an advanced state of deterioration.

Fremington Edge Springs

The water from these springs which previously ran over open pasture land before being collected, has now been impounded at the source and an area around protected by stock and rabbit-proof fencing, and ditch drained so as to exclude surface pollution. On completion of the works a series of fortnightly analyses of the water were taken, copies of the reports being submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. The results obtained were not satisfactory and further ditch draining above the springs was carried out, after which a further series of analyses were taken, copies of the reports being again submitted to the Ministry. The latter samples, taken during a wet period showed a marked improvement.

Crackpot Moor Springs

Two springs on Crackpot Moor, suggested as suitable to serve the needs of the hamlet, were fenced off and the area around ditch drained. The resultant series of analyses showed the springs to be liable to fairly heavy contamination by

faecal coli, the water being unsuitable for domestic use, unless subject to proper treatment by chlorination. The results of these analyses were also submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Proposed new schemes of Water Supply

Two separate schemes - East Ghyll to Gunnerside, and Bauldershaw to Marrick have now been approved in principle by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, in place of the Regional Scheme, but giving the same area of supply. The next step would have been to engage the services of a Consultant to forward the schemes through the various official channels and to Tender, but owing to the investigations carried on during the year with the view of re-grouping water undertakings, the Council were hesitant to proceed and resolved to await the findings of the report on re-grouping. However, reasons are deeper than this and revolve around there being nothing definite on the amount of Grant to be made available, the Council being loath to undertake a commitment before being aware of the resultant cost to the ratepayer. It is felt that on the estimated cost of the schemes the amount of Grant could be made known, any variation in the final figures being proportionally adjusted.

SEWERAGE

No new schemes of sewerage have been undertaken during the year under review, these being consequent on improved water supplies. The lack of proper sewers and sewage disposal continues to be of concern, especially in connection with the conditions prevailing at Langthwaite, Marrick and Thwaite.

At Healaugh, the effluent from the disposal works discharged into an open ditch accessible to milk cows; this has now been discontinued, 300 yards of 4" stoneware effluent drain being laid to discharge away from the watercourse.

WATER SAMPLING - BACTERIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

54 water samples were obtained during the year, of these:-

25 were of existing supplies of which 13 were satisfactory and 12 unsatisfactory, the results obtained varying with the weather conditions prevailing prior to sampling.

24 samples were taken in connection with proposed new sources of supply, referred to previously in this report.

5 other samples were taken of individual farm supplies.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The collection and disposal of household refuse has been maintained with regularity during the year. The Karrier Bantum vehicle purchased in 1950 is still in good serviceable condition, thanks to the thorough and careful maintenance by the driver, Mr. J. A. Barningham.

The two tips at Feetham Wood, and Low Level are still in use, the latter being only used in connection with the Arkengarthdale collection.

Periodical rodent control measures at the tips have ensured there being no major infestations.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

During the year two new conveniences have been provided, one at Muker and the other at Grinton.

The cleansing and maintenance of decent conditions of the conveniences at Muker, Low Row, Grinton and Reeth is undertaken by the two employees on the refuse collection service. While this arrangement is satisfactory at Reeth, where the men can call each morning, it is felt that elsewhere it would be better to have a local caretaker appointed, as during summer months supervision is required at week-ends and mornings, to maintain a proper standard of cleanliness.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Conversions from dry closets to water closets	14
New drainage and cesspools to isolated houses	7
Length in yards of new drains laid and tested	536
Tests to existing drainage systems	32

HOUSING

Houses in Clearance Areas	Nil
Unfit houses made fit after informal action	36
statutory action	Nil
Unfit houses now occupied and subject to demolition orders	1
Unfit houses now vacant and subject to an undertaking not to be used for human habitation	3

Rent Act, 1957

Applications for Certificates of Disrepair	Nil
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Housing Survey

Number of houses in the District	892
Category 1. Satisfactory in all respects	65
" 2. Minor defects	425
" 3. Repairs or structural alterations	386
" 4. Suitable for improvement	(350)
" 5. Unfit	16

HOUSING ACT, 1949 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Number of applications	4
Number approved	2
Total cost of improvements submitted in applications	£1,266
Total of "Approved Expenses"	£730
Total of Grants offered	£365

In the two applications approved, new bathrooms, W.Cs. and hot water services were provided.

Housing Improvements carried out with or without grant aid

New Bathrooms	21
New W.Cs.	14
Hot water	25
Internal piped water supply	4
New kitchens	10
Drainage	18

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1. (a) Total number of houses inspected during the year for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	162
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	316
2. (a) Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	Nil
(b) Number of houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	87
2a. <u>Remedy of defects without service of Formal Notice</u>	
Number of houses made fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	36
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.	Nil
4. <u>Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding</u>	
No overcrowding in the area.	

FOOD

(I) Number and Type of Food Premises in the Area

Private Slaughterhouses	2
Retail Butchers Shops	2
Butchers Vans Retailing Meat	3
Premises Registered for the sale of cooked meats	3
Premises registered for the preparation of Ice Cream	2
Premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream	12
Bakeries	5
Cafes	9
Vans retailing Wet Fish	2
Youth Hostels	2
Private Hotels	5

Boarding Houses	26
Licensed Premises	11
(II) <u>Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act</u>	
Preparation of Cooked Meats and Sausages	3
Preparation of Ice Cream	2
For the sale of Ice Cream	12
<u>Registered Dairies</u>	
No premises in the area registered with the local authority, the milk retailed being from Producer to Retailers only.	
(III) <u>Inspections of Registered Food Premises</u>	
Cooked meat preparation	86
Ice Cream manufacturers	17
Ice Cream Sale Shops	39
All registered premises have been carried on in a satisfactory manner and with due regard to the requirements of hygiene.	
(IV) <u>Food Hygiene - Educational</u>	
No educational schemes or clean food guilds have been formed in the area.	
(V) <u>Disposal of Condemned Food</u>	
This has been negligible and has been destroyed by burning.	
(VI) No special examination of a consignment of food has been necessary.	
(VII) <u>Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations 1947-52</u>	
Premises registered for "Cold Mix Process" only.	
(VIII) <u>Food Hygiene Regulations 1955-56</u>	
<u>Retailed Food Shops</u>	
These consist of "family shops" attached to dwelling houses, and the amount of open food handled is not of a large quantity. Wash hand basins, soap and towels are available in the bathroom where the W.C. is situated, in addition to hot and cold water at the kitchen sink, usually sited immediately behind the serving part of the shop.	
The Butchers shops where cooked meats and sausages are prepared, and where slaughtering facilities are available need a stricter supervision and it is to be reported that separate wash hand basins with hot and cold running water, soap and towels are easily available, together with separate sinks for the washing of equipment and utensils. The vans retailing meat in the area carry soap and towels, the washing facilities being made available by arrangement with householders in each village.	

Licensed Premises

Progress in the provision of washing facilities in bars is reported; of the 11 licensed premises, 9 have sinks fitted with hot and cold running water at the bar, in another instance the facilities are easily available and quite satisfactory considering the small trade carried on. In the remaining instance, no proper facilities are provided, the premises being unsuitable for the trade and action is now being taken to discontinue their use.

Routine inspections show that the premises are carried on in a satisfactory manner.

MEAT INSPECTION

Number killed	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed	34	41	-	697	89
Number inspected	34	41	-	520	89
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and C. Bovis					
Whole carcasses condemned				NIL	
Parts of carcasses or organs	3	7	-	-	-
Percentage of carcasses	9%	17%			
Tuberculosis only whole carcasses				NIL	
Part of carcass or organs		1			
Cysticercus Bovis				NIL	
Number of meat inspection visits			115		
Total weight involved			40 tons 2 cwts.		
Weight condemned			112 lbs.		

1 Beast Head with Tuberculosis in the sub maxillary

7 Beasts Livers - Cirrhotic

1 Beast Lungs - Degenerated cysts.

1 Beast Liver - Traumatic abscesses

SCHOOLS

School meals have been prepared and handled in a satisfactory standard in relation to the requirements of food hygiene.

The Education Authority have now provided filters to the school drinking taps at Reeth.

Toilet accommodation at the schools has been well maintained.

RODENT CONTROL

Again it is reported that there have been no "major" infestations to be dealt with. Individual treatments for small infestations have been successfully dealt with in dwelling houses.

Council refuse tips and sewage works continue to be subject to periodic control measures, thus preventing any serious infestations.

FACTORIES

Routine inspections carried out show that no action under Part 1 of the Act was required.

SHOPS ACT

Routine inspections have been carried on during the year. No action was necessary in regard to the Health provisions of the Act.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There has been no increase in the number of these structures during the year. The five on the register have been well maintained and conducted.

NUISANCES

Inspections for nuisances only	27
Nuisances found	17
Number needing abatement	14
Number abated following informal action	12

GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Drainage work in progress	110	Schools	16
Complaints investigated	38	Refuse Collection	53
Public Conveniences	72	Sewage Works	32
Factories	26	Council Water	95
Housing Improvement Works	183	Petroleum Regulations	27
Licensed Premises	97	Building Byelaws	84
Catering Establishments	49	Bakehouses	26
Food Hygiene Regulations	283	Slaughterhouses	115
Registered Premises	160	Shops Act	48
Rodent Control	234		

CONCLUSION

I have again the pleasure in recording my thanks to all the members of the Council, to the Clerk, Mr. M. E. Scott, to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. W. C. Speirs, and to the Financial Officer, Mr. A. E. Pooley, for the courtesy and assistance extended to me during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. V. METCALFE,

Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

